

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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September 9, 2003

FROM: ROBERT L. McKERNAN, Director
County Museums

**SUBJECT: AMENDMENTS TO AGREEMENT NO. 02-853 WITH U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
THE INTERIOR, BUREAU OF RECLAMATION FOR BIOLOGICAL SERVICES**

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Amendments No. 1 and No. 2 to Agreement No. 02-853 with the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, increasing the total amount of the contract by \$66,000, from \$151,857 to \$217,857, for additional biological services along the Lower Grand Canyon area, and extending the date of completion for the sedimentation, vegetation, and avian use studies to June 15, 2004.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: On August 13, 2002, the Board approved Agreement No. 02-853 with the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, in the amount of \$151,857 whereby the County Museum is conducting field studies relating to Grand Canyon sedimentation, vegetation, and bird habitats along the Lower Grand Canyon through December 31, 2003.

On December 18, 2002, the Museum received a written Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 02-853 whereby the Bureau of Reclamation increased the amount of federal funds obligated for this project up to the total contract amount (\$151,857) of Agreement No. 02-853. This action was a unilateral modification to the agreement by the Bureau of Reclamation and was permitted under the terms of the original agreement. Therefore no Board action was required at that time. The Bureau of Reclamation has now requested that the Museum conduct additional research in the amount of \$66,000, increasing the contract from \$151,857 to \$217,857, and extending the date of completion through June 15, 2004.

In accordance with this agreement, the Museum shall receive a total of \$217,857 from the Bureau of Reclamation, for research of the Lower Grand Canyon. As previously approved, the Museum will provide in-kind services such as vegetation and water measuring equipment, field equipment, and field computer equipment and software in the amount of \$16,410 over the term of the contract.

Approval of Amendment No. 1 acknowledges that, except for the increase in the obligated amount of federal funds, the terms and conditions of the original agreement are unchanged, and approval of Amendment No. 2 would increase the amount of the contract from \$151,857 to \$217,857 and also extend the completion date from December 31, 2003 to June 15, 2004. As mentioned above, Amendment No. 1 previously did not require Board approval. However, it is now being recommended that the Board approve this prior amendment in order to maintain better tracking of all contract revisions.

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REVIEW BY OTHERS: These amendments have been approved as to legal form by County Counsel (Scott Runyan, Deputy County Counsel, on August 25, 2003). In addition, this item has been reviewed by the County Administrative Office (Tom Forster, Administrative Analyst) on August 28, 2003.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: In accordance with Amendment No. 2, County Museum will receive \$66,000 from the Bureau of Reclamation for conducting additional biological services in relation to this project. The Department included sufficient appropriations and revenue for this further research in its FY 2003/04 budget, and will be compensated for its services at the rates set forth in County Code Section 16.0218. The estimated revenue to be generated from this item will be sufficient to offset the Museum's anticipated costs.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): All

PRESENTER: Robert L. McKernan, 798- 5719